

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 25 (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a pharmaceutical ~~compositions~~
~~composition~~ ~~comprising from 10% to 50% w/w of ritonavir in relation to the weight~~
~~of the final composition~~ comprising the following steps:
- (a) dissolving from 10% to 30% 50% w/w by weight of the composition of ritonavir
~~in relation to the weight of the final composition~~ in sufficient amount of an
alcohol solvent of C₂-C₄ to obtain a clear solution, at a temperature between
30°C and 45°C to make a first mixture;
 - (b) eliminating particles from said first mixture by filtration;
 - (c) evaporating the alcoholic solvent from the filtered first mixture under reduced
pressure at a temperature not higher than 40°C to about half of its initial volume;
 - (d) adding to the filtered and concentrated first mixture an alcoholic co-solvent in
an amount of 10% ranging from 5% to 20% w/w of the final by weight of the
composition, a medium chain mono/diglycerides mixture in an amount ranging
from 20% to 40% ~~w/w of the final by weight of the composition~~, an antioxidant
in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 0.1% 0.001% to 2% w/w of the final by
weight of the composition, an emulsion-stabilizing agent in an amount up to
60% ~~w/w of the final by weight of the composition~~ and a polarity corrector in an
amount up to 0.5% ~~w/w of the final by weight of the composition~~ to make a
second mixture;
 - (e) removing the alcoholic solvent of step (a) from said second mixture by distilling
under reduced pressure to correct the weight of said second mixture until the
remaining quantity of alcoholic solvent is of 12% between 5% and 20% w/w of
the final by weight of the composition;
 - (f) adding to the distilled second mixture a surfactant in an amount ranging from
5% to 10% 0.1% to 20% w/w of the final by weight of the composition under
continuous stirring, until the second mixture becomes a clear solution, thereby
obtaining a stable and concentrated ritonavir pharmaceutical composition; and
 - (g) correcting, if necessary, the final weight of the pharmaceutical composition by
adding the alcoholic solvent employed in the step (a) to obtain a solution

comprising from 10% to 30% 50% w/w by weight of the composition of
ritonavir.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The process in accordance with claim 26, wherein the alcoholic solvent used in step (a) is ethanol.
28. – 29. **(Canceled)**
30. **(Previously Presented)** The process in accordance with claim 26, wherein the co-solvent employed in step (d) is propylene glycol.
31. **(Canceled)**
32. **(Previously Presented)** The process in accordance with claim 26, wherein the antioxidant employed in step (d) is butylated hydroxy toluene or alpha-tocopherol.
33. **(Previously Presented)** The process in accordance with claim 26, wherein the emulsion-stabilizing employed in step (d) is polyethylene glycol 400 (PEG 400).
34. **(Previously Presented)** The process in accordance with claim 26, wherein the polarity corrector employed in step (d) is citric acid or ascorbic acid.
35. **(Previously Presented)** The process in accordance with claim 26, wherein the surfactant employed in step (f) is polyethoxylated castor oil 35, polyethoxylated hydrogenated castor oil 40, polysorbate 20, polysorbate 40, polysorbate 60, polysorbate 80 or a mixture of at least two thereof.
36. **(Canceled)**
37. **(Currently Amended)** A stable pharmaceutical composition prepared by the process of claim 26, comprising:
ritonavir in an amount ranging from 10% to 30% 50% w/w of the final by weight of the composition;
~~a mixture of alcoholic solvent and alcoholic co-solvent of C₂-C₄ in an total amount of 12% ranging from 10% to 30% w/w of the final by weight of the composition;~~
alcoholic co-solvent of C₂-C₄ in an amount of 10 % by weight of the composition;
a mixture of C₈-C₁₀ medium chain mono/diglycerides in an amount ranging from 20% to 40% ~~w/w of the final~~ by weight of the composition;
a pharmaceutically suitable surfactant in an amount ranging from 5% to 10% 0.1% to 20% w/w of the final by weight of the composition;

an antioxidant in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 0.1% ~~0.001% to 2.0% w/w of the final by weight of the composition.~~

38. **(Currently Amended)** The pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 37, which further comprises:

an emulsion-stabilizing agent in an amount ranging up to 60% ~~w/w of the final~~ by weight of the composition;

a polarity corrector agent in an amount up to 0.5% ~~w/w of the final~~ by weight of the composition.

39. **(Canceled)**

40. **(Canceled)**

41. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 37, wherein the alcoholic solvent is ethanol and the alcoholic co-solvent is propylene glycol.

42. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 37, wherein the surfactant is polyethoxylated castor oil 35, polyethoxylated hydrogenated castor oil 40, polysorbate 20, polysorbate 40, polysorbate 60 or a mixture of at least two thereof.

43. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 37, wherein the antioxidant is butylated hydroxy toluene or alpha-tocopherol.

44. **(Currently Amended)** The pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 38, wherein the emulsion-stabilizing agent is polyethylene glycol 400 (PEG 400).

45. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 38, wherein the polarity corrector agent is citric acid or ascorbic acid.